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December 14, 2018

RE: House Bill 1145

**TO: House Committee on Tourism and Recreation
C/O Holly Hughes, Committee Chair**

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express support of House Bill 1145. This bill repeals the 50-year-old prohibition on commercial fishing operations from taking lake trout in trap nets on Lake Michigan and Lake Superior to rehabilitate the lake trout population.

Commercial fishing is important not only to our fishermen, but also to our local restaurants and retailers. The Muskegon Lakeshore Community has a large tourism industry with over \$313.3 million spent by visitors in Muskegon County in 2017. Tourism is one of our largest economic drivers and its impact has resulted in 4,667 direct and indirect jobs in the county.

With only 13 commercial fisheries in Michigan, and one of them, the Petersen's Fisheries, being in Muskegon County, this is an important area of interest for us. Their retail business, the Fish Monger's Wife, is a success story in our community. They began at the Muskegon Farmers Market and now have their own brick and mortar business while continuing their draw at the farmers market.

Currently, our commercial fishermen are not able to net lake trout. In addition, if those fish end up in their nets, they must throw them back regardless of if the fish are either injured or dead. The changes in HB 1145 would allow the Michigan DNR to assign lake trout on a catch-by-catch basis to commercial fishermen.

During the 1960's era, lake trout were a species that had been depleted due to over fishing and the sea lamprey. The situation has now drastically changed. The habitat for Lake Michigan fish has changed over the last 50+ years because of the change in nutrients and new species in the water. These changes, plus the restocking of lake trout, have resulted in an increase in population.

As we advocate on behalf of our members, we urge you to schedule a Committee Hearing for HB 1145. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. We appreciate your time and effort in this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Larsen", written over a horizontal line.

Cindy Larsen
President
Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Joel Petersen <joel8fish@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 9:04 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Please support SB 1145

Dear Representative Hughes,

My name is Joel Petersen, I am a fourth generation commercial fishermen. My wife Meggen and I live in Leelanau County. I'm writing to you today asking for your support for SB 1145.

I'm 39 years old, self employed, and have been a commercial fishermen all my life. I fish from two ports on Lake Michigan, Leland and Muskegon. From Leland I (Joel Petersen Fisheries LLC), lease the trap-net boat JOY and commercial fishing license number 606 from Fishtown Preservation Society (FPS), a 501(c)(3) non profit. With out the financial support of FPS, commercial fishing would cease to exist from Leland. Michigan again would lose another part of its rich background that helped make Michigan great. From Muskegon with our family business Petersen Fisheries, license number 905. I am very well vested in the commercial fishing industry, I would like for that to continue. If SB 1145 is passed, the 13 remaining active commercial fisheries licensed through the State of Michigan might have the opportunity to survive, especially the commercial fishery from Leland. We need your help.

For 56 consecutive years and counting, our commercial fishermen have been repeatedly denied access to lake trout. Consequently a vast majority of the citizens of Michigan have been denied lake trout as well, due to the current one sided management policy that does not allow our commercial fishermen access to the flourishing abundant lake trout population, that's not fair and it is not right. Why should only one user group, sport fishermen be entitled to access a public resource, the lake trout? If lake trout are a public resource, then these fish should be made available for all the citizens of Michigan. This is where we the commercial fishermen are needed, and needed desperately, to provide the citizens of Michigan with fresh trout. I'm allowed to provide whitefish, that's a shared resource, I want to provide our citizens the shared resource of trout as well.

Sport fishermen are not entitled to lake trout or any fish within the waters of Lake Michigan, though they think they are. The sense of entitlement began 56 years ago, instituted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, this sense of entitlement is wrong for a public resource, a shared public resource. This sense of entitlement must be rectified. SB 1145 is a step to rectifying this problem.

It saddens me that the legislature acted on behalf of only one user group 56 years ago, and not for the benefit of all. By allowing rules to be established in favor of only one user group, and granting the DNR Fisheries Division the power to manage resources "in their opinion". Meaning that they do not have to have science based management practices. It granted them the unmitigated power to take away from commercial fishermen which they did and have, and are

still doing. The DNR will continue to take away unless we act and act now by supporting SB 1145. I am especially saddened at the behavior of the current Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division staff and past staff for allowing this one sided management practice to continue, knowing full well that this current management practice is wrong. This is how we've gotten to where we are currently. Asking you and the legislature for help before it's too late and that the ever important commercial fisheries are gone forever. There is so much wrong with the current rules and attitude governing commercial fishing that I could write all day-long to you and just scratch the surface.

My Grandfather, Father and now myself have been living with this current management practice. Three generations of negligence forced upon us, let's change things for my generation and the next, for the better, by supporting SB1145.

Lake trout are by far the most abundant fish species in Lake Michigan. I have seen it first hand, the Commercial Fish reports that I turn into the Fisheries Division monthly have the data on them (number of fish), I also have a few photos showing the flourishing abundant trout in our nets. I may also point out that trap-nets, that we are forced to use, are the least effective fishing gear of the 4 types of fishing gear used in Lake Michigan. From Leland, trout comprise 95% of our catch, the remaining 5% is whitefish, whitefish we can retain, not trout. In 2017 we caught 10,400 pounds of whitefish, lake trout we caught an estimated 200,000 pounds, while using only half of our fishing gear, we are licensed to use 10 nets. This means we could have caught an estimated 400,000 pounds of trout. This amount of fish caught in trap-nets is unheard of in the fishing world, but that's how many trout are really out there in Lake Michigan. The lake trout have made a full recovery, I have seen it. We also only fished 5 months of our 11 month season. My point is, there is more than enough trout to support the last commercial fishery from Leland along with a sport fishery.

The commercial fishery from Leland is on life support. Let's make a difference and take it off of life support, so it may breathe and live on its own once again, with fair management practices by voting for SB 1145.

Respectfully yours,
Joel Petersen
1285 S. Manitou Trl.
Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
231 730-0038

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Becky Thatcher <becky@beckythatcherdesigns.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 12:14 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Hb1145

Dear Holly,

Commercial fishing on Lake Michigan, especially in Fishtown of Leland ,needs help to stay alive. Repealing this rule will help. The image of commercial fishing on Lake Michigan is more important than is generally recognized. Please vote for the repeal of the rule preventing commercial fishing of Lake Trout.

Thank you,

Becky Thatcher

Sent from my iPad

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Joan/Randy Woods <ibwoods@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 4:35 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB1145

Rep. Hughes,

I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of SB1145, which would allow the MDNR to set a quota for the fishing of lake trout on Lake Michigan if they think that it is prudent.

I am a board member of Fishtown Preservation Society in Leland MI, where we have preserved one of the few remaining fishing villages along the MI shore. One of our missions is to keep fishing with our historic boats so that the public can see how fishing was done and enjoy the fish from the lake. It would be very helpful in making this mission possible to be able to fish some lake trout along with white fish. The lake trout are extremely plentiful now and taking some of them would not impact the sport fishing industry.

Thank you.

Joan Woods

Lake Leelanau MI

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Berkley Duck <bwduck@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 8, 2018 8:33 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Cc: Amanda Holmes; severett@fraserlawfirm.com
Subject: SB 1145

Dear Representative Hughes:

I am writing to urge that you vote FOR SB 1145.

I am the Board President of Fishtown Preservation Society in Leland, a 501(c)(3) organization. Leland's Historic Fishtown is a major tourist attraction, open to the public 365 days per year at no charge and hosting over 250,000 visitors each year. As such, it is a significant contributor to the economy of Leelanau County.

Fishtown is one of only a few active fisheries in the State of Michigan. As an important part of our educational, nonprofit, mission, we are working hard to keep alive the history of commercial fishing on Lake Michigan. To that end, we own a trap net boat, *Joy*, which is licensed to catch whitefish and operates out of our dock on the Leland River in Fishtown, where its operations can be witnessed by our visitors. However, we rarely meet our allocation of fish caught, and we are able to provide this experience only because of the financial support provided to it by FPS.

As I am sure you are aware, the lake trout population has exploded in Lake Michigan. In recent years our fisherman have brought up thousands of pounds of lake trout as by-catch in their whitefish nets. As they are not allowed to keep these fish, they are thrown back and almost invariably die. If the trout – or even some portion of them – could be retained and marketed, it would provide a meaningful economic boost to this struggling operation.

The DNR rule that would be repealed by SB 1145 is no longer needed to protect the sportfishing industry. Lake trout are abundant and easily harvested. I myself, not a fisherman, was a guest on a charter out of Leland this past summer. There were six lines being fished on our boat, and we caught our limit in less than three hours, reeling in trout as fast as we could set the lures.

I suspect that the resistance from the sportfishing industry to the repeal of the DNR rule is some version of the argument against letting the camel's nose under the tent. It can't be based on any science related to the lake trout population, and the rule ignores common sense by wasting the trout being inadvertently harvested by whitefish nets. If SB 1145 becomes law, the DNR can then manage the trout fishery based on the facts.

Please vote YES on this bill, and urge that your colleagues do likewise. Thank you.

Berkley Duck
P.O. Box 992
Leland, MI 49654

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Lakon Williams <bayportfish@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 6:02 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

Greetings Representative Hughes,

We are a family-owned commercial fishery on Lake Huron/Saginaw Bay. Our family fishing company has been in operation since 1895, providing jobs to the community and a good healthy protein to the people of Michigan who cannot fish for themselves. We would appreciate greatly your vote in support of SB 1145. This bill is important to the state-licensed commercial fishing family businesses in Michigan and for sustainability of the Lakes. Currently, there are only 13 families that own and operate state-licensed fisheries in Michigan, there used to be over 500 of us in the 1950s, but due to the decline of the lakes in the 60s, 70s, and 80s..many of us did not survive. Today, Lake Trout are flourishing again in the Lakes and competing with our Lake Whitefish stocks that we rely on to survive. Right now, if we catch a Lake Trout in our nets, we have to release it dead or alive back to the water by law. We would prefer to not waste food that can feed the Michigan public with a local, healthy protein. Thanks for your consideration and time on this issue.

Sincerely, Lakon Williams Manager/Owner
Bay Port Fish Company.

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: rruleau@new.rr.com
Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 12:19 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Bill SB 1145

Hi Holly, I have a 7th generation family Commercial Fishing business on Lake Michigan...although bill 1145 will not affect us directly, because we do not catch Lake Trout in any volume...I do support this bill. There are many areas of Lake Michigan that have tremendous amounts of Lake Trout and I believe this bill is good in the fact that the DNR can at least act upon this fact...this fish was always a Commercial fish and until decimated by the Sea Lamprey were always so...the sole purpose of their rehabilitation was for Commercial fishing...taking a few as "incidental" would cause zero harm to any Sport interest...thanks, Bob

Sent from my LG Mobile

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Carol james <blondebomb906@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:45 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: David A. Darrow <darrowdavid@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:38 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

Good morning, Holly
Please schedule a Committee Hearing for HB1145-Commercial Fishing.
Respectfully,
David A. Darrow
616-240-1240

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Trevor Wastell <pisces@pisces-ind.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:30 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: FW: Lake Trout quota.

Dear Ms Hughes.

I would urge you to support the committee hearing for HB1145 pertaining to the commercial fishing for Lake Trout. The current situation is that the stocks of Lake Trout are at a sufficient level to support a sustainable fishery in Michigan waters similar to that in our neighboring states of Wisconsin and Minnesota as well as in Canadian waters of Lake Superior. That fish caught in Trap nets that die are not allowed to be landed and sold, is a ridiculous situation and a waste of a precious resource.

Regards
Trevor Wastell
Gladstone MI

Trevor Wastell

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Marian Sigler <mariansigler@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:34 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: I support Committee Hearing HB1145!

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Dan Dillivan <ddillivan60@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:32 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial Fishing

My wife Bonnie and I support a Committee Hearing for HB 1145. Thank You for your help in this matter. Dan and Bonnie Dillivan

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Mark Larche <mark@statesavingsbank.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:25 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145 (Commercial Fishing)

Good Morning Holly,

My name is Mark Larche. A friend of mine, Dennis VanLandschoot, has asked me to email you to ask for a hearing to be scheduled for HB1145. Dennis is a commercial fisherman and he has shared with me the reasoning behind the commercial fishing bill. The commercial fishermen in Michigan make a compelling argument to allow the DNR to assign bycatch (non-targeted fish of incidental catch) of Lake Trout to commercial fishermen on a case by case basis.

Thanks for your time and have a very Merry Christmas.

Mark

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Barb Hall <birenehall@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:21 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial Fishing

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."

There is no good reason to waste these fish if they are big enough. I say let our commercial fisheries sell them. Sourcing fish closer to home just makes sense. It's fresher.

Barbara Hall
Portland Michigan

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Kris Sweeney <frozenflaming0@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:16 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."

from my iPad
Kris Sweeney
Marquette, Mi

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Braidie Butters <bbutters2004@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:10 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

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From: Braidie Butters <bbutters2004@hotmail.com>
Date: Dec 11, 2018 8:05 AM
Subject: HB1145
To: holly.hughes@house.mi.gov
Cc:

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)...there is an abundance of trout that are dieing in nets. Why let them go to waste? Please note my support of HB1145.

Thanks, Braidie Butters

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: kellydore62 <kellydore62@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:06 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Tablet

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Hank StAmour <hstamour@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:56 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Committee Hearing for HB114

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145."

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: dlv19492000@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:54 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Bill1145

I very much support a hearing on this bill. Thank you Sent from my iPad

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Angie Chase <angie_chase@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:16 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Committee hearing for HB1145

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I support a committee hearing for HB1145
(Commercial Fishing)

Angie Chase
1437 W North River Dr
Newaygo, Mi. 49337
2316525747

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Peggy Jacobson <blufftonbayla@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:08 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145 - Committee Hearing

I support a committee hearing for HB1145

Peggy Jacobson

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: John McDonnell <john.mcdonnell@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 6:56 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing).

Thank you for you service.
John McDonnell
1144 Cheboygan Dr
Muskegon Mi

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Brian Inman <inmanbri@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 6:51 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Committee Hearing for HB1145 (Commercial Fishing)

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing).

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Katie VanLandschoot <k-foster@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 6:23 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing).

Please help us. Thank you!

Happy holidays. God Bless.

-Katie

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Melissa Freye <melissa.freye@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 6:21 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

Rep. Hughes,

I support a committee hearing on HB 1145 (Commercial Fishing). Please hold the hearing and support the bill.

Thank you,
Melissa Freye
2156 Harrison Avenue
Muskegon MI 49441

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Bob Irwin <birwin@muskegonmission.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 5:47 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: "I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."

Hi Holly:

Please allow this committee hearing to take place while you are in office to help the few commercial fishers still out there.

Thank you,

Bob Irwin
Store Director
Muskegon Rescue Mission Thrift Stores
2570 Henry St
Muskegon, MI 49441

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: chuck burbo <repoman1313@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 5:20 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Mary Hendon <maryhendon2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 3:07 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing). Please hold this hearing!

**Mary Hendon
745 Hendrick Rd
Muskegon, MI**

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Kevin Dake <kleed64@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 12:18 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."

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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: paula white <prwhite49@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 11:24 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

I definitely support a Committee Hearing for HB 1145 re commercial fishing. Hear the rest of the story.

Thank you,
Paula White
Au Train, MI

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Thomas Nelson <tjnelson906@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 10:57 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial fishing

**"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."
Thank you Tom Nelson small business owner**

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Lt. S.Peters <speters@algerso.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 10:50 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Committee Hearing

**I support a committee hearing for HB1145
(Commercial fishing)**

Sheila Peters 

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Lisa Potts <lisa.potts@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 10:45 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145 hearing

Dear Mrs. Hughes,

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing). We have few state commercial fishing companies and I support a small family business in my community. Please hold this hearing to support local commercial fishing.

Thank you,
Lisa Potts
North Muskegon, MI

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Tim Bengtsson <tbengtsson@gtlakes.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 8:25 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

I am a constituent and I support a committee hearing for HB 1145. Thank you, Tim Bengtsson

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Personal <joan.oegema@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 7:18 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: NH1145

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."

Joanie Oegema
Sent from my iPad (sorry for any typos)

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: annkeith@frontier.com
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 6:47 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial Fishing Bill HB1145

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing).

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Taylor Strandberg <strandberg.taylor@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 6:10 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial Fishing

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Bonnie Dillivan <bonniemuskegon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 4:49 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Lake Trout

Please schedule a committee meeting for HB 1145. This is delicious fish. My parents bought it in the 1950's. To waste it is a shame.
Thank you,
Bonnie Dillivan

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Jayne Biggart <biggjayne@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 4:39 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

Dear Honorable Representative Hughes,

Please offer a hearing on House Bill 1145.

As a person who supports our local commercial fisheries, I would like to see Trout, which are accidentally caught in fishing nets (75% of these Trout die.) be consumed rather than put back into the lake.

Thank you for devoting yourself to Michigan's residents.

Sincerely,

D.Jayne Biggart
Hesperia MI 49421
231.854.5015

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Julie Budde Heiner <buddeje@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 4:39 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial fishing

I support a hearing on bill related to commercial fishing. Julie Budde Heiner 108 emmet, grand haven mi 49417

Sent from my iPad

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Albert Hoekstra <aphoekstra@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 4:34 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 145

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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Paul Jensen <cyber1pcj@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

Ahoy Chairwoman Hughes---please give consideration to allowing a committee hearing on this bill ---the state licensed commercial fishery is asking for this small business be given help to be preserved and not join the ranks of the endangered species and businesses we continue to ignore.

Thanking you for your consideration.

Capt. Paul C. Jensen
3040 Lakeshore Drive
Muskegon , Michigan
49441-1107
Cell 231-730-4040

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: big stone bay fishery <bigstone2015@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 12:29 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91); Rep. Curt VanderWall (District 101); Rep. Jason Sheppard (District 56); Rep. Scott Dianda (District 110); Rep. Cara Clemente (District 14)
Subject: SB1145

Good afternoon House Representatives,

My name is Cameron McMurry, and I own Big Stone Bay Fishery in Mackinaw City. We supply local and responsibly sourced Great Lake fish to many restaurants and stores all over Michigan, plus tens of thousands of tourist each year (from everywhere) right here in our store front. Not everyone is able to catch their own fish for dinner. Commercial fishing is one of Americas first industries and with proper management a sustainable resource.

Regardless of what the sport fishing groups say, the lakes are packed full of predator fish and not much prey fish to go around. Ask any biologist involved with studying the great lakes or US geological survey. Managing the health of our great lakes should be left to professionals not sport groups.

Please vote yes on SB1145

Thank you for your time,

Cameron McMurry

Big Stone Bay Fishery Inc.
10975 us 23
Mackinaw City mi 49701
VP of Michigan Fish Producers Association

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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Doug Seibert <44peepaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:02 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

Hello,

I support a hearing on HB1145 that pertains to commercial fishing. Our state has an abundance of fish and commercial netters provide a way Michiganders who don't fish to buy and fry Michigan grown fish.

Thank you,

Doug Seibert

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Brenda Butters <buttersbrenda@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

Ma'am, Please schedule a hearing for HB1145.
I support this bill.
Thank you, Brenda Butters

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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Michelle Marchisotta <michellemarchisotta@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

Hi Rep. Hughes,

I am writing to let you know I support a committee hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing). I look forward to doing anything I can to support our local fisheries and community. I live in the Munising area.

Thank you for your time.

Michelle Marchisotta

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: bay1@tds.net
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:21 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

I SUPPORT a Committee Hearing for HB 1145.

Molly Carmody
Pure Michigan Boat Cruises,LLC
PO Box 478
Munising, MI 49862
(c) 906-202-0507
bay1@tds.net

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Audrey Mc Murry <mcmurry6@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 1:58 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Sb1145

Good afternoon Holly Hughes,
I support a Committee Hearing for Commercial Fishing: Senate Bill 1145.
Audrey McMurry

Thank you so much to those of you that

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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Marie Chabotte <mariechabotte@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 1:04 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Support HB1145

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)!

Thank you!

Marie Chabotte

1618 Palmer Ave, Muskegon, MI 49441

Accounting Manager, Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce

231-722-3751

Thank you Holly! And Happy Holidays too!

~Marie~

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Bonnie Miller <millertime6@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 11:52 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

Please schedule a committee hearing for HB 1145.

I support a committee hearing for HB 1145 (commercial fishing) Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Jim Hopper <jhoppe02@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 11:07 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Support of HB1145

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing).

Please allow this to happen.

**Jim Hopper
3869 Fairway Dr
Norton Shores, MI. 49441**

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Nancy Petersen <nancyp2u@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 9:00 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial Fishing

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing).

They deserve to be heard.

Nancy Petersen



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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: VanLandschoot, Jeremy <Jeremy.VanLandschoot@tdstelecom.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 8:57 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: commercial fishing

I support a committee hearing for HB 1145, commercial fishing.

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Alice Pasarela <apasarela@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 7:59 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145 commercial fishing

Holly,

I support a Committee Hearing for HB 1145 (commercial fishing).

Thanks for hearing my request.

Alice Pasarela

Sent from my iPad

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: dustinbsb <dustinbsb@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 6:52 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HD 1145

I support a Committee hearing for HB 1145

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S@4 Active™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Kenneth Pott <kenrpott@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 6:00 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing). Please give this support your most serious consideration for the future of our fisheries, the most historic and enduring industry in the Great Lakes region. It is essential to the sustainability of providing this quality food resource to the people of this region.

Thank you,
Kenneth R. Pott
185 Heron Drive NW
Apt. #205
Grand Rapids, MI 49534

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Kirk Tuson <KTuson@Stay-Lite.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 6:17 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

I support a Committee Hearing for HB 1145 (Commercial Fishing). I live in Watersmeet, MI.

Kirk C. Tuson
President



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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Steve W <covercrops@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 5:20 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

Hello Representative Hughes,

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing).

Regards,

Steven Wagstaff
8420 Williams Rd
Montague, MI

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Meggen Watt Petersen <meggen7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 5:05 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Cc: Rep. Curt VanderWall (District 101); Rep. Jason Sheppard (District 56); Rep. Scott Dianda (District 110); claraclemente@house.mi.gov
Subject: HB 1145 / SB 1145 - please support

Dear Rep. Hughes and members of the House Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation,

We are eager for your support of HB 1145.

My husband and I reside in Leelanau County and he is a fourth-generation commercial fisherman with operations in both Leland and Muskegon. (Petersen Fisheries in Muskegon, and operating the Leland Fishtown Preservation Society's license in Leland.)

I understand that HB 1145 may be introduced in your committee and I am writing to urge your support to include it in deliberations and its passage.

As I am sure you are aware, the lake trout population has exploded in Lake Michigan. In recent years fishermen have brought up thousands of pounds of lake trout as by-catch in their nets. I occasionally crew for my husband and have seen this in person, returning tons of trout to the lake and taking home far fewer whitefish. As we are not allowed to keep these fish, they are thrown back and many die. It's a seagull bonanza. If the trout – or even some portion of them – could be retained and marketed, it would provide a meaningful economic boost to this struggling operation.

The DNR rule that would be repealed by SB 1145 is no longer needed to protect the sportfishing industry. Lake trout are abundant and easily harvested (and continue to be planted in Lake Michigan in great numbers). A board member of Fishtown Preservation, not a fisherman *per se*, was a guest on a charter out of Leland this past summer. There were six lines being fished on that boat, and they caught their limit in less than three hours, reeling in trout as fast as they could set the lures.

I suspect that the resistance from the sportfishing industry to the repeal of the DNR rule is some version of the argument against letting the camel's nose under the tent. It can't be based on any science related to the lake trout population or the common sense of not wasting the trout being inadvertently harvested by whitefish nets. If SB 1145 becomes law, the DNR can then manage the trout fishery based on the facts.

Please vote YES on this bill.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very sincerely,

Meggen W Petersen
1285 S Manitou Trail
Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
meggen7@gmail.com
231.730.0173 (m)

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Jim Diana <jimd@umich.edu>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 2:57 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

Representative Hughes
Committee Chair for Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Dear Ms. Hughes:

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing). I am the former director of Michigan Sea Grant and Professor Emeritus of Fisheries and Aquaculture at the School for Environment and Sustainability at the University of Michigan. In those roles I have become very familiar with the fishery and its management in the Great Lakes. In fact, in 2015 my students and I produced the recommendations for the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch program about sustainability of seafood from the Great Lakes. That analysis determined that lake trout were well managed in the Great Lakes and were sustainably harvested, and they were given such a ranking by Seafood Watch. The Michigan DNR, along with advice from stakeholders, has done an excellent job of managing the Great Lakes fisheries and I believe that an open hearing for your bill on commercial fishing will continue that excellent tradition.

Please consider having a hearing on HB1145 so that the public and the associated businesses can have their say about fishing regulations before decisions are made.

Sincerely,
James Diana

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James S. Diana, (jimd@umich.edu)
Retired Director, Michigan Sea Grant College Program
Retired Professor of Fisheries and Aquaculture
School for Environment and Sustainability
University of Michigan
Phone: 734-223-8353
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December 13, 2018

To Holly Hughes, Chairperson, House Tourism & Outdoor Rec Committee & Michigan Legislative Leaders

My name is Liam Ayers, I am the Director of Meat & Seafood Sales for Carmela Foods based in Fraser MI. We are a wholesale distributor of fresh & frozen seafood, meat and specialty products with distribution coverage for the entire lower peninsula of Michigan and N.W. Ohio.

I am writing this letter to support the effort to call a hearing for Commercial Fishing SB 1445. The current supply of lake trout we have in our market is not nearly enough to fill the needs of our many retail and foodservice accounts. We are often left unable to fill daily order demand for both our retail seafood market customers and restaurants as there is not enough fresh lake trout in the local market. There is a strong demand for this fish and residents in Michigan want to buy what our local fisherman are bringing to market. I would strongly encourage continued consideration to approve a committee hearing to learn more about the benefits of growing this great commercial fishery in Michigan waters.

If I can provide any further information or answer any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration

Warm Regards,

Liam Ayers

Director Meat & Seafood Sales

Carmela Foods

c. 734.905.1933

layers@carmelafoods.com

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Amber Curtis <ambercurtis7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 7:15 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145(Commercial Fishing)

I support a committee hearing meeting for HB 1145. (Commercial Fishing) Thank you

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Erin Brunton <erin.brunton@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 7:09 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial Fishing Request

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Jessica Obydyennov <jvanland@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 6:35 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

**I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing). Please make this happen.
Thank you.**

Jessica Obydyennov

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Bonnie Miller <millertime6@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 5:54 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

Please schedule a committee hearing for HB 1145.

I support a committee hearing for HB 1145 (commercial fishing) Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Les Cseter <lcseter@first-bank.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 15, 2018 11:21 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

I support a Committee Hearing for SB1145 (commercial fishing)
Thank you!

Les Cseter

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Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Sue Prunick <prunicks@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 1:41 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

I support SB 1145. It would be helpful Michigan economy.

Thank you
Susan Prunick

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Carrie VanLandschoot <Mrsvanland@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 12:51 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB 1145

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you about SB 1145. I fully support a committee hearing for this bill. SB 1145 would repeal a 50 year old Department of Conservation Rule that banned commercial fishing of Lake Trout in Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. Repeal of this rule would allow the DNR to assign bycatch (non-targeted fish or incidental catch) of Lake Trout to commercial fishers on a case by case basis. My family has been commercial fishing Lake Superior for over 100 years. We are currently seeing a huge increase in the amount of Lake Trout in our Whitefish nets. Currently, any Lake Trout incidentally caught must be returned to the water. Even though most are dead. This is a terrible waste. Wisconsin and Minnesota currently allow bycatch on this same lake.

Please help my family fishery and other commercial fisheries in Michigan by scheduling a hearing on SB 1145.

Thank you,
Carrie A. VanLandschoot
Marquette, MI

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Tammy Lindstrom <tjlbutterfly1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 12:31 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial Fishing

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Arni Foss <arnifoss1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

I support a hearing on HB1145 (commercial fishing)

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Frances M. Gits <fgits@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Support for HB1145

I SUPPORT a Committee hearing for HB1145 - Commercial Fishing!!!!

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: dustinbsb <dustinbsb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:48 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

I support a Committee Hearing for HB 1145
(commercial fishing)

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S@4 Active™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Judith Bascom <judybythelake18@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:06 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing).

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Robert Bascom <drysailor4218@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing).

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Kim Kelderhouse <kelderhouse.kim@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 9:44 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

I support a Committee Hearing for HB 1145 for commercial fishing. Please give commercial fishermen a chance to tell their story and how this bill could effect their livelihood in a positive way!

Thanks,
Kim Kelderhouse
Leelanau County resident

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: buzzandal@jamadots.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 8:17 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

Dear Representative Hughes,

My name is Allison Bowerman Johnson and I reside in beautiful Munising on the southern shore of Lake Superior. It has been brought to my attention that you are the Chair for Tourism and Outdoor Recreation. I am asking your to support and schedule a committee hearing for HB1145 for the support of the commercial fishing companies to be able to sell Lake Trout that have been caught in their markets. I realize there are politics that play in a "lame duck session" about the scheduling of hearings, etc., but I implore you to hold your colleagues responsible and schedule the hearing. Thank you for your service to our great state.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Bowerman Johnson
P.O. Box 125
Munising, MI 49862
(906) 202-2314

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: janet bixler <mitzgail1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 7:11 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

I strongly support a Committee Hearing for HB1145.

Janet g. Bixler
570 Tournament Cir
Norton Shores, MI 49444

Sent from my iPad

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Jim Dubrow <jdubrow2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 10:02 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Committee Hearing HB1145

I SUPPORT COMMITTEE HEARING FOR HB1145 (COMMERCIAL FISHING)

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Jim
JDubrow2@gmail.com

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Regina C. Miron <regina.miron@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:06 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

"I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing)."
Schedule it please.

Regina.miron@gmail.com

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Dan LaCombe <dlacombe@jamadots.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:46 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commecial fishing

I support a committee hearing for HB1145 commercial fishing.

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Marieann Brooke <rmbrook@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:33 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB1145

I support bill #SB1145. Our fishermen should have the right to fish the same as the other states and Canada. Vanderschloots in Munising are a good company. They serve the residents and tourists well.

Also, I see you are in charge of tourism for Michigan. It is a disgrace to have an 18 mile stretch of road from Grand Marais to Deer Park, Michigan as dirt. It was so bad this fall that we could only drive 5 miles per hour. This road is along Muskallonge lake which has a beautiful state park that is visited by many out of state people as well as Michiganders. We live on this road, H58 or country road 407. Many people stop and ask why the road is so bad. There is also many fishing lakes and other state parks on this stretch of road. Perhaps you should come up and visit this part of Michigan to see for yourself. The Upper Peninsula is so many times the forgotten Peninsula. When Jennifer Granholm was governor, she did come up here and drove that road and found it appalling. Shortly afterward she had the road widened but only in a small part of it. The road was so tight that two cars could not travel side by side. Please check into this beautiful part of Michigan.

Blacktopping this road would do a lot for Grand Marais, Newberry and Michigan. The tourism would help the local economy. Many if not all of the merchants in these towns are in favor of the blacktop. It has been talked about for years but nothing has been done.

Thank you,
Bob and Marie Brooke.

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Jeff Bodette <jbode1@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:07 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SH1145 committee hearing- correction

Correction. S/B SH1145

Ms. Hughes

I support a committee hearing for (commercial fishing).

We need to support Michigan commercial fishing in our State! Don't give other States and Canada the competitive edge over our own Michigan commercial fisheries by stopping their ability to harvest the same fish from our Great Lakes.

Signed

Jeff Bodette

5860 Walloon Meadows Circle

Petoskey, Mi.

49770

(231)330-0220

Jbode1@charter.net

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: kellydore62 <kellydore62@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:43 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: I support a Committee Hearing for SB1145 (commercial fishing)

I support a Committee Hearing for SB1145 (commercial fishing)

Kelly Dore

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Tablet

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Brian Price <brprice11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:17 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

I am writing to encourage you to hold a hearing in committee on HB 1145. This bill, a companion to SB 1145 passed in the Senate, would allow the DNR to rescind a 50 year old rule that makes Lake Trout unavailable to all commercial fishermen in Michigan. When the rule was passed in the 1960's, the Lake Trout restoration program was less than a decade old, and restocking attempts faced a very uncertain future.

After decades of stocking, and with a new forage fish, the round goby to feed upon, Lake Trout stocks have exploded in waters off of Leland and elsewhere. There is no way that sport fishing alone can manage this resource or make it available to Michigan citizens, who own this resource. Please take the time to hold a hearing, keep an open mind, and at least consider allowing the DNR to make a reasoned judgement about when and where Lake Trout stocks are overabundant and should be made available to commercial as well as sport fishers.

I am a former commercial fisherman with nearly 20 years of experience on Lake Michigan. Please don't allow this resource to go to waste.

Brian Price
Maple City
231-409-9080
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Evan Hall <evanhall@umich.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 3:18 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: SB1145

Hi Rep. Hughes,

I am writing you to express support for SB 1145. The Bill would rescind two rules the the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division invented 56 years ago to prevent our State licensed commercial fishermen from ever taking lake trout again, only take could happen through research. No commercial fishery that I know of has ever been issued a research permit for trout for 56 years and counting. The fish in Lake Michigan are suppose to be a public resource shared by all. This why we need commercial fishermen. We can harvest whitefish, a shared resource, why can't we harvest trout, it too is a shared resource. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Evan Hall

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: bonnie mcmurry <bonniem266@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

Hello Holly,
i support a committee hearing for HB 1145 and would like to have it voted on

Thank you
Cameron Mcmurry

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Eric Bonow <tugboat2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 10:50 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial Fishing

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing).

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Eric Bonow
48 Highgate St.
Superior, WI 54880
715-392-2488

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: DMichael <dmichaelnettleton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 10:50 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB1145

I support a committee hearing for HB1145 (commercial fishing). It seems quite wasteful to not use fish that have already been caught as bycatch.

Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: JoAnne Ashenden <gramjojomom@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:39 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

Please schedule this hearing to support these hardworking MI fishermen. Let 2018 be remembered by your support

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Claire Root <claire.root@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 11:45 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145

Hello, Holly-

I support a Committee Hearing for HB1145 for commercial fishers. As a loyal customer of The Fish Monger's Wife in Muskegon, I'm proud to have that business in my community and proud to support Amber Mae and Eric in their livelihood, as well as grateful for a source for local food!

Michigan's 13 full-time commercial fishers support this Bill because we are seeing a huge increase of lake trout in our whitefish nets. Currently, any lake trout caught must be returned to the water, we are not even allowed to take one home for dinner. This is a waste of food. We'd like the opportunity to take home some of these trout to sell in our fish markets. Any by-catch assigned would still be under the jurisdiction of the DNR and it is not even guaranteed the DNR would assign lake trout by-catch to anyone.

Thank you!
Claire Root Benson
3181 Rockland Rd.
Muskegon MI 49441

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Shari Hughes <sharilhughes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: Commercial fishing

Representative Hughes,
I support a Committee hearing for HN1145 (commercial fishing).
Thank you!
Shari Hughes

Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)

From: Peter Warnock <michaggie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:26 PM
To: Rep. Holly Hughes (District 91)
Subject: HB 1145

Please hold a committee hearing for HB 1145.

Support Great Lakes fisheries.

Dr. Peter Warnock